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Rose Catalogue



Stratford Rose Nurseries

Stratford, Connecticut

THE ROSE

THE ROSE ever was and probably ever will be to the end of time the most popular flower in the whole floral creation. One seems to turn to its compelling charm involuntarily. Its romantic associations, its time honored connections with historical events and personages has made of it a favorite subject and theme for poets of all ages. It is invested with a halo of glory no other flower enjoys.

Early in the Colonial life of the settlers of the New England States the "Roses of York and Lancaster" were imported from England and planted with others of equally antiquated origin from other parts of Europe. Some of these old specimens can still be found plentifully sprinkled throughout the Eastern States of America.

The newer varieties of roses gradually began to creep in until today in most well ordered gardens specimens of up-to-date varieties of Hybrid Teas, such as Radiance, Ophelia, Columbia, etc., are now in great evidence, so that good worthwhile roses are now not the "Rara Avis" which formerly was their distinguished position in Floriculture.

Comparatively, the improvements made in the Rose in recent years are as remarkable as inventions in the world of mechanics. The colors beggar pen description while the habit of growth is as varied as are the tints. We have tones reminding us of the brilliant creations in the world of art, as the golden vermillions of Franz Hals, the tones of the juicy brush of Rembrandt and Vandyke, the flesh tints of Rubens. There are yellows, golds, bronzes, tangerine, pinks, reds, orange, corals—in a word or two, every conceivable tint in Nature's glorious creation. There is no reason why every garden should not be adorned at least by a few of these charming examples of the Hybrid Tea Rose.

Their cultivation requires but few hints and directions which faithfully carried out will insure perfect success. These directions can be summarized in a very short paragraph of "What to do, what not to do, when to do and when not to do these very essential operations."

First, buy top grade plants and when received unpack carefully, keeping the plants from heat of the sun, drying winds and frosty atmosphere. If you are unable to plant right away, heel them deeply in soil and water them until a propitious moment arrives. Then proceed as follows: Make the rose beds flat on the surface to insure moisture remaining in the beds. Don't raise the beds above the normal level of the surrounding lawn or other part of the garden. Dig the soil from 18 inches to two feet and well admix cow manure.

Plant early in the fall of the year where frost does not visit before the end of November, other localities defer planting until spring, the middle of May at the latest.

Plant firmly with the union of the Rose shoots and the roots two inches below the normal level of the beds. Prune according to the individual habit

of growth of each variety grown but never before the dormant eyes on the shoots begin to show signs of growing out. Never allow the soil to get bone dry. When watering thoroughly saturate the soil; no half measures. Keep the surface of the soil around the roots always loose; never allow it to get caked. Mulch with short loose manure at the beginning of July in order to conserve the moisture. Spray plants with any good commercial fungicide every two weeks and clean away all dead leaves which may drop from the plants. Don't cut roses with long stems until the plants have become established and are growing vigorously. Give them liquid manure of a cooling nature (not artificial chemical concoctions) unless you are an experienced horticulturalist as these so-called fertilizers are merely exhausting stimulants which leave the plants stranded for nourishment, causing black spot, leaf falling and other diseases. Liquid manure is best given late in the evening after a good watering with air exposed warm water.

Don't buy greenhouse raised plants or plants from dry goods stores in large cities. These latter have been lying about sometimes a week out of the ground before being offered for sale.

When late fall arrives, before soil is frozen, hill the plants up as high as possible, cover completely if soil and labor is available. In the following spring after all frost is out of the ground gradually uncover the stems, a rainy time being the best condition for this operation. Leave the soil rough for a time until the weather gets warmed up a little; then shallow dig around the plants and add a little bone meal.

Pruning directions can be only general as varieties differ so much in their individual habit of growth that experience of each variety grown is necessary before one can learn what is best for them. It is recommended that beginners should confine their rose selection to such sturdy growers as Radiance, Columbia, La Tosca, Etoile de Hollande, Mad Butterfly.

STRATFORD ROSE NURSERIES

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The varieties of Roses included in this catalog are what we consider the most dependable ones for growing and giving the maximum of flowers. In comparison with the bewilderingly large number on the market, they might seem very limited, but after careful elimination we are convinced that this list says all there is worthwhile to say consistent with usefulness. We have not issued a flamboyantly illustrated catalog as pictures at their best or worst cannot adequately convey the true charm or their suitability; so we prefer rather to give our patrons the benefit of better value than spending large sums upon expensive printing.

Our Roses have been growing in the open field two and three years before being offered for sale. They are budded upon a stock that does not succor at the roots.

Special collections advertised in magazines can be found on page 8 fully described. The purchaser may interchange the varieties to suit their requirements. The collections as they stand may confidently be recommended to beginners to give every satisfaction.

If a variety ordered has been sold out, we will immediately advise and ask for instructions.

Our business terms are "*Cash with order*" unless we have had business relations before.

Tea, Hybrid Tea and Hybrid Pernetiana Roses

Except where specially priced, these Roses are all 50 cents each.

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ANGELE PERNET. Excellent shaped flowers of orange flame. Plant is of moderate growth. 75c each.

ARIEL. Large flowers of orange flame and yellow. Vigorous growth, free flowering, good foliage. 60c each.

BETTY. Coppery pink buds with carmine buff ground. Upright growth with good foliage.

BETTY UPRICHARD. Coppery red buds opening into brilliant glowing carmine and salmon flowers. Branching habit of growth, first class. 75c each.

CHARLES P. KILHAM. Brilliant orange orient red. This is one of the most brilliant red roses we know of. Well shaped buds opening to flowers of dazzling color. Flowers on long stiff stems. \$1.00 each.

COLUMBIA. The most reliable, clear, bright, pink rose. Its perfect shape makes it suitable for all purposes.

COMTESSE DE CASTILLEJA. Very new. The wonderful coloring of this rose is difficult to describe. It is a mixture of orange, flame, splashed with vermillion. It lasts a long time on the plant. Long stiff stems carrying flowers erect. \$3.00 each.

CRUSADER. Flowers of crimson which are borne on single stiff stems. The growth is moderate.

CHATEAU DE CLOS VOUGEOT. Dark red, shaded velvety scarlet.

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DAME EDITH HELEN. Pure glowing "Rose du Barri" pink. A large rose of perfect form, very fragrant. Its blooms are produced upon strong stems and the flower stands supremely erect. It is a superb variety. \$1.50 each.

DEAN HOLE. A large silvery carmine flower. A shy bloomer.

DOROTHY PAGE ROBERTS. Coppery pink, semi-double.

DUCHESS OF WELLINGTON. Rich yellow tapering buds, a good rose.

ETOILE DE FRANCE. Dark crimson flowers.

ETOILE DE HOLLANDE. Brilliant red blooms of compelling attraction.

It has no compeer as a red garden rose. Its merits equal that famous variety "Radiance." It has every attribute a good rose should possess. Its flowers are carried on erect clean stems, the foliage is perfect. Its habit of growth is branching. It is very hardy. For massing in beds it is ideal in every way. 90c each, \$75.00 per 100.

EMILE CHARLES. Glowing orange red flowers, not very large. 75c each.

ELEGANTE. Beautiful creamy yellow flowers of good shape. Habit of growth is spreading and low. 75c each.

FEU JOSEPH LOOMANS. Long shaped buds of pale saffron yellow. 75c each.

FRANCIS GAUNT. Flowers pinkish faun and apricot, erect growth.

FLORANCE IZZARD. Pure buttercup yellow, very variable in flowering. Foliage very beautiful. 75c each.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY. A large flower of perfect form. It is not very constant. It is fragrant. Crimson.

GENERAL MCARTHUR. Bright crimson scarlet, rather thin in petalage.

GRUSS AN TEPLITZ. Flowers in trusses of dark red blooms, very fragrant and a strong grower.

GENERAL-SUPERIOR ARNOLD J. JANSEEN. Crimson carmine flowers.

GOLDEN OPHELIA. Good in all respects, similar to its parent. Color, amber yellow.

GORGEOUS. Coppery pink flowers, yellow shadings.

INDEPENDENCE DAY. Golden orange buds heavily shaded with flame and copper. Strong upright habit of growth.

ISOBEL. One of the best single roses. Glowing orange pink.

IRISH ELEGANCE. Another beautiful single rose, coppery pink.

IRISH FIREFLAME. Still another single. Rich flame color, delicate.

IVY MAY. Quite as beautiful as "Madam Butterfly." Smaller in size. Rose pink with amber shading towards the base. It is a charming variety. \$1.00 each.

JONKEER J. L. MOCK. Pink buds opening to large blooms of great substance. Reflex of flower silvery flesh.

JOHN HENRY. Flowers of rosy scarlet and rich pink. \$1.00 each.

JOSEPH HILL. Coppery pink buds. Flowers flesh pink and salmon.

KAISERINE AUGUSTA VIKTORIA. Beautifully formed buds of "eau de nil." Creamy yellow flowers. Almost perfect in formation.

KILLARNEY QUEEN. Long pointed buds, bright pink blooms with large petals.

KILLARNEY. Double white. Long pointed bud of creamy white.

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- KONIGIN CAROLA. Very large flowers of satin pink shade with silvery reflex. A good grower.
- LADY PIRRIE. Deep coppery reddish salmon and pink.
- LADY ALICE STANLEY. Deep coral rose on outside of petal, inside pale flesh. A large rose and good grower.
- LADY ASHTOWN. A good rose for garden beds. "Rose du Barri" pink.
- LADY DIXON HARTLAND. Flesh pink. 75c each.
- LA TOSCA. Silvery pink with deeper color in center. Very floriferous and a good grower.
- LADY LOVE. Light rose and Hydrangea pink, rich yellow and apricot base, same style as "Ophelia." 75c each.
- LADY SYLVIA. This charming novelty is a sport from "Mad Butterfly" and is similar in many respects. It is also like "Rapture." A good grower. 75c each.
- LADY GREENALL. Creamy flesh and pink.
- LADY HILLINGDON. Long buds of saffron yellow.
- LOS ANGELOS. This charming rose is too tender for this climate. Flowers are salmon pink. Winter kills.
- LADY MARY ELIZABETH. Brilliant carmine moderately full, tender.
- LIEUTENANT CHAURE. Velvety crimson, good for bedding.
- MADAM ABEL CHATENAY. Salmon and carmine rose.
- MARGARET MCGREDY. Said to be good. We have our doubts. It is sometimes described as brilliant orient red. It is a dull red with us and its form does not impress us. \$2.00 each.
- MADAM BUTTERFLY. One of the most beautiful combinations of pink and orange and gold it is possible to imagine. Its flowers are larger than its parent "Ophelia" from which it sported. The habit of growth is all that could be desired.
- MAMAN COCHET. Carmine mixed with flesh pink and yellow.
- MAMAN COCHET WHITE. A beautiful cream sport from "Maman Cochet." It has a low drooping habit. An old favorite.
- MISS LOLITA ARMOUR. Coppery flesh and pink with an orange shade. It is double and often a fine shape.
- MARCIA STANHOPE. Creamy white. Not thoroughly tested yet. \$1.00 each.
- MADAM CAROLINE TESTOUT. Satiny pink flowers of an imbricated globular form. It has been one of the best.
- MADAM EDOUARD HERRIOT. Brilliant flame color with shades of orange and yellow. Good.
- MRS. HENRY MORSE. Flowers beautifully early in the season. Pink and carmine.
- MRS. G. A. VANN ROSSEM. This variety has been heralded in Europe as a very brilliant acquisition. It flowered in our nurseries very satisfactorily. The color is another mixture of coral and orange shade, flowers are borne upon erect stems, \$2.00 each.
- MRS. CHAS. BELL. Beautiful shell pink buds similar in type to "Radiance" from which variety it is a sport. It has all the good qualities of "Radiance."
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- MRS. HERBERT STEVENS. Pure paper white. It is very dainty and chaste in good weather.
- MRS. REDFORD. Orange pink. \$1.00 each.
- MRS. WAKEFIELD CHRISTY MILLER. Flowers are salmon, outside of petals vermillion rose.
- MRS. AARON WARD. Indian yellow and golden buff. It has been a great favorite under glass Dwarf habit of growth.
- MRS. A. R. BARRACLOUGH. Soft carmine pink shading to yellow at the base of petals. Not thoroughly tested yet. \$2.00 each.
- MRS. HENRY BOWLES. A vast improvement upon "Mad Caroline Testout." Its color is clear pink. Growth good. \$2.00 each.
- NERISSA. Creamy pink flowers.
- OPHELIA. The parent of numerous sports. It is too well known to need description which is peach pink.
- OLD GOLD. Flowers rather thin, color gold as its name indicates.
- PATIENCE. Scarlet carmine lake. Not very distinct. \$1.00 each.
- PRISCILLA. Large silvery pink blooms of exquisite shape. 75c each.
- QUEEN OF FRAGRANCE. Shell pink fragrant.
- RADIANCE. The most satisfactory of all pink roses. It is by far the best grower of all the hybrid teas and can be recommended with perfect confidence. Its flowers are pink, with carmine shadings inside of petals and always in evidence upon the plants. Fragrant.
- RAPTURE. Said to be an improved sport from "Mad Butterfly." The flowers appear to be a little more highly colored than its parent. \$1.00 each.
- ROSELANDIA. Another sport of "Ophelia." Clear apricot yellow of a delightful shade. Flowers are a good shape. \$1.50 each.
- ROSE MARIE. Beautiful rose pink looks attractive in the beds.
- RED LETTER DAY. Brilliant scarlet. Very thin, a good grower.
- RED RADIANCE. A beautiful toned red. In all other respects like its famous parent "Radiance."
- REV. F. PAGE ROBERTS. Beautiful golden coppery tinted flowers of perfect shape. When established this variety is a delight to all lovers of roses. Its habit of growth is branching. \$1.00 each.
- SENSATION. Dark crimson scarlet flowers, good shape. 75c each.
- SHOT SILK. Silky flame rather thin, but very beautiful. 75c each.
- SOUVENIR DE CLAUDIUS PERNET. Bright sunflower yellow. 75c each.
- SOUVENIR DE GEORGES PERNET. Beautiful orient red, large flowers. Growth very good. 75c each.
- THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA. Very thin in petalage. Color is intense vermillion. \$1.00 each.
- WILLOWMERE. Rich satiny pink.
- WILLIAM F. DREER. Golden tints with orange and yellow. Very tender. Winter kills in the zones above North Carolina.
- WHITE ENSIGN. White flushed delicate cream. A good shape. \$1.00 each.
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- WILLIAM R. SMITH. A very satisfactory rose. Color flesh pink and a very beautiful shape. Foliage almost perfect.
- WILHELM KORDES. A rose unique in coloring combinations which is a mixture of peach, orange and pinks. A charming variety. It is not a robust grower. \$1.00 each.
- FRAU KARL DRUSCHKI. This well known white rose is a Hybrid Perpetual. It is the best white rose ever introduced into floriculture. It should be treated the same as Climbers at pruning time.
- GEN. JACQUIMINOT. Dark velvety red. This rose enjoys the sobriquet of "The Jack Rose." Its reputation is far in advance of its actual qualifications. It is not an easy rose to flower in our summer climate. "Etoile de Hollande" is far superior and we would advise the latter variety in its place, as being infinitely more satisfactory.
- CONRAD F. MEYER. A Hybrid Rugosa. Flowers of silvery pink, a very rampant grower and fine in every way for hedges.

CLIMBERS AND WICHURAIANA HYBRIDS

- ALBERTINE. Reddish coppery yellow flowers. Blooms in clusters. Glis-
tening foliage. 75c each.
- BESS LOVETT. Light crimson red flowers borne in clusters. Fine clean
glaucous foliage. 75c each.
- BLUSH RAMBLER. Blush pink. A fine pillar rose. 75c each.
- CRIMSON RAMBLER. Flowering in large trusses of crimson scarlet. 75c
each.
- CLIMBING AMERICAN BEAUTY. Carmine blooms borne in trusses.
75c each.
- CLIMBING CECILE BRUNNER. Pink flowers of miniature size borne
in trusses. A good climber for a protected position. 75c each.
- CLIMBING MME. EDOUARD HERRIOT. Brilliant flame color with
shades of orange and yellow. \$1.00 each.
- DOROTHY PERKINS. Shell pink flowers borne in large sprays. 50c each.
- DR. VANN FLEET. In our opinion by far the most satisfactory all round
climbing rose extant. Its only fault is its limited period of flowering.
Its color is a delightful shell pink. Its foliage is everything to be desired
in climbers. A great creation. \$1.00 each.
- EXCELSA. Scarlet and crimson clusters freely produced.
- EMILY GRAY. Golden yellow, heavy foliage. 75c each.
- EVANGELINE. Shell pink flowers borne in sprays. 75c each.
- HIAWATHA. Brilliant scarlet, single flowers with white eye. 50c each
- PAULS SCARLET CLIMBER. Brilliant scarlet flowers in sprays. One of
the very best.
- PURITY. Pure white, good foliage. 75c each.
- RUBRAFOLIA. Small miniature pink flowers. Foliage is red. \$1.00 each.
- SILVER MOON. Single cream flowers, rather fleeting. 75c each.
- TAUSENSCHON. Rosy carmine flowers in clusters. 50c each.
- CLIMBING MADAM BUTTERFLY. A vigorous climbing variety. Flow-
ers are like the dwarf in shape and color. \$1.00 each.
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CLIMBING LOS ANGELOS. A moderate climbing form of the dwarf. \$1.00 each.

CLIMBING LADY ASHTOWN: A climbing form of the dwarf. 75c each.

POLYANTHA ROSES (for bedding)

50c each where not specially priced.

CECILE BRUNNER. Pink with pale yellow shadings at base. 75c each.

EDITH CAVEL. Deep brilliant glowing crimson. The best red in this class.

ELLEN POULSEN. Shell pink, fairly double.

MRS. CUTBUSH. Deep clear pink.

ORLEANS ROSE. Brilliant geranium red, very fine.

PERLE D'OR. Pale Nankeen yellow, delicate. 75c each.

The following collections of Roses are offered with a view to giving buyers the option of changing and interchanging from one collection to another any variety at the marked price to meet with their requirements. Orders of \$9.00 are express prepaid to nearest express office.

Where the variety substituted is higher in price than a variety at 50 cents the difference must be added to the amount of the collection desired

COLLECTION OF 12 "CREME DE LA CREME" ROSES

(As advertised \$6.00)

Radiance, pink; Souv de Claudius Pernet, sunflower-yellow. 75 cents. Etoile de Hollande, dark red and fragrant, 90 cents each. Kaiserine Augusta Viktoria, cream; Ophelia, peach pink; Rev. F. Page Roberts, golden copper, \$1.00 each. Lieu Chaure, crimson; Shot Silk, silky flame, 75 cents each. Columbia, pink; Madam Butterfly, orange pink; Frau Karl Druschki, white.

COLLECTION OF 12 NEW ROSES

(Express prepaid \$12.00)

Etoile de Hollande, 90 cents. Rev. F. Page Roberts, 75 cents. Rose-landia, \$1.50. Priscilla, silvery pink, 75 cents. Chas. P. Kilham, orange red, \$1.00. Dame Edith Helen, bright pink, fragrant, \$1.50. Betty Uprichard, salmon carmine, 75 cents. Rapture, orange pink, \$1.00 each. Ariel, golden yellow, 60 cents. Mrs. Henry Bowles, pink, \$2.00 each. Lady Dixon Hartland, flesh pink, 75 cents. Mrs. G. A. Vann Rossem, flame and coral \$2.00 each.

COLLECTION OF 12 FOR ALTERNATE CHOICE FOR \$7.00

Betty Uprichard, 75 cents. La Tosca, pink; Mme. Edouard Herriott, flame; Angele Pernet, orange, 75 cents. W. R. Smith, creamy flesh; Sou de George Pernet, orient red, 75 cents. Lady Alice Stanley, flesh and carmine; Chateau de Clos Vougoet, dark velvety red; Etoile de Hollande, 90 cents. Radiance; K. A. Viktoria; Columbia.

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